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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Your meeting with the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board at 4:00 PM today

Mr. Clark Clifford, who has been Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board since April 1963, will introduce his Board members and explain the work of the Board. He is expected to emphasize the Board's recommendations on how to improve counterintelligence activities, including suggestions as to revision of the existing procedures used to prevent the Russians from penetrating our intelligence organizations.

Since 1946, there has been a group under various names to advise the President as to intelligence problems. The current group was asked by President Kennedy to dig deeply into how the intelligence agencies operated in the Cuba situation. The Board's general charter includes the ~~xix~~ review and assessment of the objectives and the conduct of all our foreign intelligence activities. It is advisory to you and is in a position to make judgments as to how well our foreign intelligence work is being done, independent of judgments made by Director McCone and other intelligence officers.

Suggested questions:

1. Would the Board undertake to make an independent judgment as to whether the intelligence organizations, especially the military

agencies, are reflecting current instructions to economize and hold down the number of persons employed?

2. Would the Board suggest to me ways of speeding up the work which is now going on in connection with the consolidation of intelligence activities and the reduction of overlapping programs?

3. Does the Board review as to whether Congress has a legitimate need to know more about our intelligence activities than is now provided to the appropriate committees?